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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 9:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Duke Energy proposed service fee

Dear Chuck and Judy Baker,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Chuck & Judy Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 2:19 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Duke Energy proposed service fee

Dear Sirs, Although the Greenville area meeting regarding the Duke's proposed service fee increase was on my calendar for a month, a last minute situation prevented me from attending.

Like many others at the meeting, I don't feel the increase is justified. My reason is that in 2017, at substantial expense, I invested in solar panels for my home. Instead of charging storage batteries their output is **delivered to the grid**. These panels have the potential for supplying **all my power needs** but because of Duke's billing criteria **I am credited with only a portion of the energy they produce**. I have access to the energy output of my panels via an online link to **Ion Solar**, a company in Summerville, South Carolina which monitors the panel's energy output and provides that data to panel owners.

After several calls to Duke's billing department I finally got a representative to explain that only the energy I use while the panels are producing energy is credited to my account. Since **all the energy** is delivered to the grid, that means for the year 2018 a total of **6000 KWHs** of energy were delivered to the grid **for which I received no credit**. At approximately 12 cents/KWH that suggests someone, presumably Duke Energy, received \$720 for **FREE energy**. Assuming all owners of solar panels are being treated the same way, that's **a lot of free energy** going to the grid for which Duke is probably the financial benefactor.

It's hard to see why Duke needs an infrastructure rate increase when they already appear to have what is most like a substantial supply of energy to sell that was supplied by other free sources. If Duke gave me credit for **all the energy** my panels produce I'd give them their service rate increase and **still** be ahead financially. I don't think they should be able to have it both ways. Charles Baker, Simpsonville, SC



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